

## REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 4, 8-12, 14, 16-28, 36-39, 41-45, 52-54, 67 and 69-71 remain in the application for further prosecution. Claims 1, 4, 12, 24, 39, 41 and 67 have been amended. Claims 15, 58-66 and 68 were previously cancelled. Claims 2, 3, 5-7, 13, 29-35, 40, 46-51 and 55-57 have been cancelled by this Amendment.

### **Claim Rejections 35 USC § 102 and § 103**

Claims 1-6, 8, 11, 29, 31-35 and 46-50 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,993,213 ("Schiel").

Claims 29-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,984,680 ("Rogers").

Claims 9 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,993,213 ("Schiel et al.") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,302,125 ("Kownacki et al.").

Claims 12 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,993,213 ("Schiel et al."), in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,061,181 ("Niznick").

Claim 39 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,993,213 ("Schiel et al.") in view of 2002/0127515 ("Gittleman").

Claim 44 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,993,213 ("Schiel et al.") in view of 2002/0127515 ("Gittleman") as applied to claims 36 and 39 above, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,061,181 ("Niznick").

Claim 51 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,993,213 ("Schiel et al.") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,061,181 ("Niznick").

Claim 55 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,993,213 ("Schiel et al.") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,280,195 ("Broberg et al.").

Claim 56 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,993,213 ("Schiel et al.") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,280,195 ("Broberg et al.") as applied to claim 55 above, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,061,181 ("Niznick").

Claim 57 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,993,213 ("Schiel et al.") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,280,195 ("Broberg et al.") as applied to claim 55 above, and further, in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,217,332 ("Kumar").

### **Claim Amendments**

While the Applicants do not agree with the rejections of claims 1-6, 8-13, 29-35, 39, 44, 46-51, and 55-57, the rejected claims have been cancelled and will be pursued in a continuing application.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable dependent claim 7, and intervening claims 2, 3, and 5. Thus, it should be in a condition for allowance.

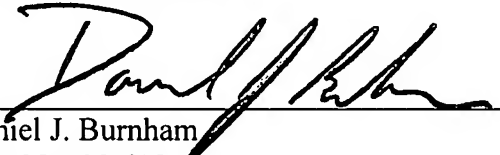
Independent claim 39 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable dependent claim 40. As such, amended claim 39 should also be in a condition for allowance.

**Conclusion**

It is the Applicant's belief that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance and action towards that effect is respectfully requested. If there are any matters which may be resolved or clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the number indicated.

Respectfully submitted,

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